CHAPTER 11

(Senate Bill 95)

AN ACT concerning

Advisory Commission on Sports

FOR the purpose of abolishing the Special Advisory Commission on Professional Sports and the Economy; establishing an Advisory Commission on Sports within the Department of Economic and Employment Development; providing for the membership, terms, officers, meetings, compensation, and powers of the Commission; and generally relating to the establishment of an Advisory Commission on Sports.

BY transferring

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments Section 10-701 through 10-707 Annotated Code of Maryland (1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

to be

Article 41A - Department of Economic and Employment
Development
Section 4-401 through 4-406
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly in 1984 established the Special Advisory Commission on Professional Sports and the Economy to advise the Governor and the General Assembly on the retention, expansion, and location of professional sports franchises in the State, among other duties; and

WHEREAS, The passage of legislation in the 1987 Session setting the site of a new stadium or stadia in Baltimore City at Camden Yards, and establishing the method of financing of this stadium or stadia, has accomplished 1 of the major goals and objectives of this Special Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly in 1987 created the Division of Tourism and Promotion within the Department of Economic and Employment Development to, among other things, promote amateur and professional sports in the State, thereby recognizing and acknowledging the importance of the economic, fiscal, and social impact of amateur as well as professional sports; and